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1. IN OCTOBER 3 MEETING WITH CHRISTIAN GIRARD OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS SECTION FONMIN (WHO WAS FRENCH DELEGATE AT COPENHAGEN)
AND MME. ROSSIGNOL OF MARITIME FISHERIES (WHO WILL BE REPRESENTATIBR
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AT OTTAWA), EMBOFF REVIEE ICNAF ISTUATION AND ATTENPTED GAIN GOF

SUPPORT FOR USG PROPOSALS. WHILE CONTINUING TO SUPPORT OVERALL U.S. POSITION ON NEED FOR CLOSER CONTROL OF FISHERIES, HOWEVER, NEITHER GIRARD NOR ROSSIGNOL WOULD COMMENT EXPLICITLY ON GOF POSITION IN COMING MEETING.

2. NOTING THAT FRANCE DID NOT FISH IN AREAS 5 OR 6 WHERE PROBLEM MOST ACUTE, GIRARD AND ROSSIGNOL POINTED OUT THAT GOF'S MAIN INTEREST WAS THAT LIMITS ON CATCH AND/OR EFFORT IMPOSED IN THOSE AREAS NOT RESULT IN INCREASED FISHING AND DAMAGE TO FISHERIES IN OTHER

AREAS, PARTICULARLY AREA 4. THEY NOTED THAT PROBLEMS OF AREA 5 WERE ESSENTIALLY BETWEEN U.S. AND EAST EUROPEANS, BUT THAT SYSTEM OF REGULATION ADOPTED FOR THE AREA WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE TO BE APPLIED IN OTHERS. THEY CONCERNED THAT TOO LOW A REDUCTION IN AREA 5 CATCH WOULD DIVERT EFFORT TO AREA 4, WITH RESULTANT NECESSITY TO TIGHTEN OR REDISTRIBUTE QUOTAS THERE. CONSEQUENTLY, GOF APPEARS UNLIKELY TO SUPPORT REDUCTION MUCH BEYOND 15-0/0 IN AREA 5.

3. GIRARD AND ROSSIGNOL CHARACTERIZED U.S. PROPOSAL FOR LIMITATION OF EFFORT AS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO APPLY, GIVEN WIDELY DIFFERING FISHING

CAPACITIES OF VARIOUS NATIONAL FLEETS, AND THOUGHT THAT FORMULA APPROACH

PROPOSED BY U.S. COULD TURN INTO STATISTICAL MORASS. WHILE AGREEING THAT EFFORT LIMITATION WAS MOST READILY VERIFIABLE CONTROL METHOD, THEY INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR CONTINUED USE OF CATCH QUOTAS WITH STRONGER INSPECTION PROVISIONS. GIRARD MADE LONG ARGUMENT FOR NECESSITY TO ALLOW ICNAF TO MOVE AT CONSENSUS PACE, NOTING GREAT EAST EUROPEAN NEED FOR FISH PROTEINS MADE THOSE COUNTRIES' SITUATION DIFFERENT, BUT THAT THEIR COOPERATION ESSENTIAL TO ESTABLISHMENT OF IMPROVED RULES FOR USE OF HIGH SEAS RESOURCES. IRWIN

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